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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition in the internet marketplace is crucial to our continued way of life in America. Competition drives technology and the ability for all Americans to have unrestricted access to the internet, on which much of our economy is now built upon. If I have to go back to using one of the giant corporate behemoths without access to independent companies, my internet experience will drop substantially.

I had one of the big 3 letter companies in the past for internet. They did nothing to increase their speed or bandwidth and the technology stalled with all the big companies. Enter Sonic. A company who built a fiber network where none was previously. And cheaper and 10 times faster than the big companies. Innovative, effective, cost efficient, and fast. None of the other big money sucking companies with poor customer service could even compare. I switched over to Sonic even before the fiber was available. I used competitive DSL and it was horrible. The fiber is excellent in comparison.

I'm a scientist who needs the internet to do my job, both at the office and at home - especially at home. If I had one of the large companies, my speed would drop and so would my productivity - and I'd have less cash to spend on other things in our economy.

I and my family are consumers who supports broadband competition.

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